

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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JUNE 14, 1836.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. LEIGH made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the petition of Tasker C. Quinlan, reports :*

That the petitioner is the sole heir and distributee of Joseph Quinlan, deceased; and he represents that Joseph Quinlan was a surgeon in the continental army during the war of the Revolution, and served till the close of the war; and the petitioner prays that commutation of five years' full pay in lieu of half pay for life, may be allowed him for the revolutionary services of Doctor Quinlan.

The affidavits of witnesses filed with the petition, would render it probable, but by no means certain, that Doctor Quinlan continued in service till the end of the war, though it does not ascertain to what regiment or corps he belonged; and that he was at the battle of Camden in 1780, and was there wounded. But it appears by a copy of a certificate of the auditor of public accounts of Virginia, filed among the documents accompanying the petition, that Doctor Quinlan settled his accounts for the balance of full pay due him, according to an act of Assembly passed at November session, 1781; that a certificate was issued and delivered to him in person, on the 24th April, 1783, for £97 10s. 6d. for the balance of pay due him; and that this sum was allowed him for pay as a surgeon, from the 5th October, 1778, to the 6th June, 1779. From this it is apparent that Doctor Quinlan, as late as the 24th April, 1783, did not claim pay for services later than June, 1779; and it is very difficult to understand how he should have failed then to claim pay for services subsequent to June, 1779, if he had been entitled to pay till the end of the war. This matter may, perhaps, admit of explanation; but, in the present state of the proofs, the documentary evidence above mentioned, in the opinion of the committee, outweighs the parol evidence of the claim which has been adduced, especially as the latter is chiefly hearsay evidence. The committee, therefore, recommends that it be

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

# THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

1898

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE, MARCH 1, 1898, RELATIVE TO THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE UNITED STATES.

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